

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The following remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2004.

Claim Rejections

Claims 19-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicant has amended claim 23 to comply with Examiner's suggestions included in the claim rejections. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 23 and 24 are presently in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-5, 8-16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements, such omissions amounting to a gap between the necessary structural connections.

The Examiner is requiring Applicant to claim more than necessary to render the claim allowable. Essentially, the Examiner requests the Applicant to particularly claim how the elements of the claim are coupled. Claiming the embodiments of the invention in this level of detail is not required by the MPEP and would unduly limit Applicant's claims. Accordingly, it is asserted by Applicant that claims 1-5, 8-16, 18-21 are in condition for allowance.

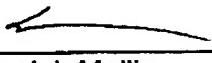
It is respectfully asserted by Applicant that all presently standing claims are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Erik Metzger, attorney for Applicant, at (512) 732-3922.

If any additional fees are due, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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